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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
ORNAN A. GERSTEL ET AL.) : Examiner: A. Bello
Appln. No.: 09/886,153) : Art Unit: 2613
Filed: June 22, 2001) :
For: SHARED OPTICAL RING)
PROTECTION IN A MULTI-) :
FIBER RING) September 5, 2006

The Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

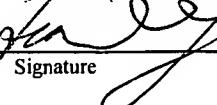
Sir:

A Request For Continued Examination is filed herewith. Preliminary to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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